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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3346

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3346 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/20)

7 Sec. 20. Illinois Discharged Servicemember Task Force. The
8 Illinois Discharged Servicemember Task Force is hereby created
9 within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Task Force shall
10 investigate the re-entry process for service members who return
11 to civilian life after being engaged in an active theater. The
12 investigation shall include the effects of post-traumatic
13 stress disorder, homelessness, disabilities, and other issues
14 the Task Force finds relevant to the re-entry process. For
15 fiscal year 2012, the Task Force shall include the availability
16 of prosthetics in its investigation. For fiscal year 2014, the

1 Task Force shall include the needs of women veterans with
2 respect to issues including, but not limited to, compensation,
3 rehabilitation, outreach, health care, and issues facing women
4 veterans in the community, and to offer recommendations on how
5 best to alleviate these needs which shall be included in the
6 Task Force Annual Report for 2014. The Task Force shall include
7 the following members:

8 (a) a representative of the Department of Veterans
9 Affairs, who shall chair the committee;

10 (b) a representative from the Department of Military
11 Affairs;

12 (c) a representative from the Office of the Illinois
13 Attorney General;

14 (d) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House;

16 (e) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
17 House Minority Leader;

18 (f) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
19 President of the Senate;

20 (g) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
21 Senate Minority Leader;

22 (h) 4 members chosen by the Department of Veterans
23 Affairs, who shall represent statewide veterans'
24 organizations or veterans' homeless shelters;

25 (i) one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

26 and

1 (j) a representative of the United States Department of
2 Veterans Affairs shall be invited to participate.

3 Vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled by the initial
4 appointing authority. Task Force members shall serve without
5 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
6 incurred in performing duties associated with the Task Force.

7 By July 1, 2008 and by July 1 of each year thereafter, the
8 Task Force shall present an annual report of its findings to
9 the Governor, the Attorney General, the Director of Veterans'
10 Affairs, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretary of the
11 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

12 If the Task Force becomes inactive because active theaters
13 cease, the Director of Veterans Affairs may reactivate the Task
14 Force if active theaters are reestablished.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-414, eff. 1-1-12.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law."